

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 7020

January 19, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula to fund at least one full-time school counselor position per school and one full-time teaching position for every 20 average daily membership (ADM) in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12). Changes, from one for each 3,000 students to one per school, the number of full-time public school nurse positions funded by the BEP.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$463,354,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Increase Local Expenditures - \$2,443,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will alter the BEP formula by changing the required number of school counselors, teachers, and nurses for each school in each LEA.
- Requiring at least one full-time school counselor position per school will increase the number of positions generated through the BEP from 2,295.15 to 2,351.42; or a total of 56.27 school counselors.
- Requiring one full-time teaching position for every 20 ADM in K-12 will increase the number of positions generated through the BEP from 40,606.8 to 49,802.9; or a total of 9,196.1 teaching positions.
- Requiring one full-time nursing positions per school will increase the number of positions generated through the BEP from 358.2 to 1,803; or a total of 1,444.8 nursing positions.
- Re-calculating the FY20-21 BEP, with a minimum of one school counselor and one full-time nursing position per school and one teaching position for every 20 ADM will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$463,354,000 in FY21-22 and subsequent years.
- The increase in BEP funding will increase the minimum required local match by \$202,109,000 for districts receiving an increase in BEP funding as a result of this bill.
- Most districts are already contributing local funds in excess of the minimum required local match; however, it is estimated that 12 districts would need to increase their local contribution in order to meet the increased required local match.
- The total mandatory recurring increase in local expenditures for such districts is estimated to be \$2,443,009 in FY21-22 and subsequent years.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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